Claims

1. Anti-freeze protein which can be derived from Lichen, said protein having an apparent molecular weight of from 20 to 28 kDa and having an N-terminal amino acid sequence which shows at least 80% overlap with:

A-P-A-W-M-D-A-E-S-F-G-A-I-A-H-6-G-L and modified versions and isoforms of this protein

- 2. Anti-freeze protein of claim 1 having an N-terminal amino acid sequence as follows:

 A-P-A-V-V-M-G-D-A-E-S-F-G-A-I-A-H-G-G-L
 - and modified versions and isoforms of this protein.

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Anti-Treeze protein of claim 1 or 2, having a molecular weight of from 22 to 26 kDa.

- 4. Anti-freeze protein of claim 1 or 2, showing at least 90% overlap with the partial sequences of claim 1 or 2.
- 5. Anti-freeze protein of claim 1 or 2, showing 100% overlap with the partial sequences of claim 1 or claim 2.
- 6. Anti-freeze protein of claim 1, wherein the modification involves glycosylation.
- 7. Nucleic acid sequence encoding the anti-freeze protein of one or more of the preceding claims.

- 8. Food product comprising an anti-freeze protein according to claim 1 or 2.
- 9. Food product according to claim 8 being a frozen confectionery product.